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TOBIN AT ISFL CONVENTION

10 Drivers Win Prizes at Rodeo

The ten best truck drivers of Indiana were selected in a rodeo at War Memorial Plaza, Indianapolis, Sept. 25 and 26, and all were given handsome awards by a group of donors including Teamsters Local 135.

The winners, all good union teamsters, were selected for their skillful driving in contests of piloting their massive trucks around barrels, through mazes with only four-inch clearances and in parking with not more than four feet clearances.

Two top winners, Leslie McFur, in the tractor semi-trailer class, and Richard Strouse, straight truck class, will be given all-expense tours to the American Trucking Association's annual rodeo in Los Angeles, Cal. There they will compete for national honors.

The rodeo was held in connection with the Indiana Motor Truck Association's annual convention, and awards were given at the association's banquet in the Claypool Hotel the night of September 26.

Winners were chosen from cores made in the contests
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Katz Recovers, Signs Contracts

RICHMOND—James K. Katz, head of Teamsters Local 91 has recovered from his recent illness sufficiently to be back on the job and, in fact, was able to attend the SFL convention at Terre Haute.

Katz has renewed 23 agreements for members of Local 91, excepting wage clauses, and has obtained 16½ cent an hour raises for Seagram's plant employees at Lawrenceburg. A two-year agreement with the distillery was made in conjunction with Teamsters locals in Louisville, Ky., and Baltimore, Md.

Owing to so much additional work in the office of Local 691, out of town meetings will be held only once every three months.

Early Bird Gets the Train

William Dargie, union vice-president, was so anxious to catch the train for the Terre Haute convention that he dashed out of his home at dawn, stumbled and spilled his suit case all over the front yard. Then he tore through the streets to the Pennsylvania station, and found that he was an hour ahead of train time. Anyhow he got to the convention.



Teamsters International President attends annual dinner-meeting of Indiana State Drivers' Council, held in Terre Haute, in connection with State Federation convention, and is shown relaxing a minute before making an important address. Shown (left to right) at the speakers table: John King, IBT International representative; Charles Miller, Vincennes; John Acker, Secretary-Treasurer, SFL; Carl Mullen, President, ISF; Steven Toth, East Chicago, President of State Drivers' Council; President Tobin; Hugh Gormley, AFL representative; Thomas E. Flynn, assistant to Mr. Tobin; Walter E. Biggs, South Bend.

Teamster Local 543, Lafayette, Helps an Unfortunate Brother

LAFAYETTE—Tuesday, September 16, was an unlucky day for Melvin Cline and his family.

After Melvin had gone to work, the wind blew the window curtains over the kitchen range, igniting them, while Mrs. Cline was bathing the three-week-old baby, just after getting the two older children off to school.

Mrs. Cline conducted the four younger children to safety, but was unable to combat the blaze.

The Lafayette Fire Department was called, but due to

the distance from town, were unable to arrive in time to save the home. Consequently the entire family.

Harry Cole Heads Community Chest

HAMMOND—Harry D. Cole, business representative of Teamsters Local 362, and chairman of the labor division of the Hammond Community Chest, has mailed letters to all local unions here asking them to contribute to the drive for funds, just starting.

He hopes to make a quota of \$1,200 from AFL union treasuries.

Local 233 Meetings

Members of Teamsters Local 233, Indianapolis, are reminded herewith that general meeting nights are the first Wednesday of each month.

Wadleigh employees meet on the last Tuesday of the month.

Both meetings are held at 28 West North St.

Happenings in Mahoney's Local

MUNCIE—Teamsters of Local 369 are glad to learn that Jackie Mahoney is able to return to her classes at Junior High after her recent illness, which kept her daddy, Pat Mahoney, away from most of the ISFL convention, at Terre Haute.

Also that John Mofield, his wife and mother are recovering from that recent automobile accident between Muncie and Anderson, in which Mr. Mofield's car was completely wrecked.

Business of the local includes negotiations with the White River Tobacco Co., of Muncie, for a new contract as of October 8 for drivers and warehousemen.

Local 369 is congratulating its member, George Goodman, on the splendid record he made at the truck drivers' Rodeo in Indianapolis September 26. Goodman was first of the Muncie Teamsters to qualify for a place in the state-wide exhibition of skillful driving.

SAYS TEAMSTERS WILL OBEY LAW UNTIL REPEALED

In his address to the State Federation, President Tobin explained that the Teamsters have 250 cases before the NLRB but are hamstrung because of the ruling of Robert N. Denham, general council.

(Denham ruled that the Taft-Hartley law requires that all members of the general executive board of the AFL must sign non-Communist pledges before any union affiliated with the AFL can use the NLRB's machinery for settling union bargaining rights and unfair labor practice charges.)

"I need the assistance of that board—it's the law—or the employers will take advantage of us," he said. "And here I am, asking me to sign a pledge that I'm not a Communist. I'm tickled to death to sign it. No one can be a member of the Teamsters if he is a Communist."

"Then to use the NLRB I

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Teamsters Head Flays NLRB Rule

Daniel J. Tobin gave national publicity to the annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor when he addressed its delegates in Terre Haute, September 18, on the subject of the Taft-Hartley law.

Mr. Tobin appeared unexpectedly and was welcomed to the convention hall by 1,000 delegates and friends including Teamsters from all locals of the State.

His suggestion that the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, now numbering, he revealed, close to a million members, might be forced to withdraw from the AFL by the recent action of the National Labor Relations Board, was reported on the front pages of the nation's press.

Mr. Tobin went to Terre Haute, accompanied by Thomas E. Flynn, assistant president, to attend the yearly meeting of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, held in connection with the convention of the State Federation.

To the state drivers, President Tobin explained that he had come to their meeting "to look over my gang." He wanted to see the wives of the members, he said facetiously, to see what kind of men they are.

President Tobin's intimate talk to the Teamsters of Indiana was not all in the lighter vein. He traced the history of the movement in Indiana, from September, 1907, when he first came to Indianapolis, at which time the Teamsters had 11 members in the capital city, eight of them hack drivers.

"Indianapolis was one of the toughest non-union cities in America at that time," he said, "and a local capitalist, D. M. Parry, was president of the Na-

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Downey Appointed To Probate Court

HAMMOND—State Representative Martin J. Downey has recovered from his recent illness and breakdown sufficiently to step to the bench of Probate Court here November 1.

Following his defeat for Mayor of Hammond by a small majority, Mr. Downey was appointed to the court by Superior Court Judge Stodato, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Ed Fitzgerald.

A stalwart Democrat for years, Judge Downey has many good friends in both the major parties, as well as the labor movement, in which he has been a leader.

He is a brother of Thomas Downey, recording secretary of Teamsters Local 362.

Joe Williams at the Rodeo



Joe Williams swears he didn't wear a mustache, as shown on Kai G. Hansen (McDaniel Freight Lines) with whom he is riding in this 1910 Federal Truck at the Rodeo in Indianapolis. But Joe did drive a Federal Truck back in 1910 for Swift & Co., and had a lot fewer headaches doing that than he has doing this—leading Teamsters Local 135.

Fable of Three Bad Bears Outside the Apple Orchard

By SWEDE CARLBOM
Mayflower driver, member of Teamsters Local 193

Once upon a time, long, long ago, there sat many men, quietly, by a crooked road in a mountain pass. Some gazed with a blank look into nothingness; others sat with their faces in their hands; and some just stared at the ground. No one spoke. Their deep silence was in ghostly accord with the dismal and barren country surrounding them. A depressive air hung over their heads.

Of a sudden there appeared upon the road a strange-looking figure. A gallant-looking type. A young man with a Robin Hood air. He stopped and beheld the men at the side of the road. He sensed the depressive discontent among them. He spoke:

"Men, I am Lem the Wanderer. I am neither from here nor from there. Far over yonder I heard about your distress. My object in life is to make my fellow men happy. My inner self tells me that you are all at a very low ebb spiritually. I want to be your friend. Therefore follow me. Ahead of us lies a treacherous mountain pass with many dangers. The pass is infested with vicious grizzly bears and mean vultures, ready to attack.

"If you stand by me, one for all and all for one, I shall lead you into the Valley of Harmony. The largest valley in the land. A valley of fertility, of beauty, a valley of tremendous opportunities. A valley of perpetual growth of things we all desire. In fact, a valley on the pattern of Paradise. (Go easy there, Swede!) The valley is ruled by a man I know; a lord by the name of Wolf Yamer. He is in need of reliable men like yourselves to gather and convey the fruit which grows in the valley. So stand up, men, and follow me through the darkness of the pass. Once over it I shall lead you to contentment and happiness."

As by magic they all arose. By their combined strength their mighty march up the pass was eventless.

In the early morning hours when the blessed sun cast its glorious rays over the mountain peaks, they stood all close together, in one group, and beheld the most enchanting spectacle they had ever seen. Below them, as far as the eye could see, there lay a wide-spread valley as green as green could be, with a sprinkling of colors in red and yellow. It was indeed a wonderful sight to behold.

As they descended down the mountain slope, with Lem the Wanderer leading the way, the men sang and whistled with new hope in their hearts. Soon they found themselves facing a huge wrought iron gate. The gate swung wide open, like by a miracle, without a sound. Lem the Wanderer led the men through the gate opening and up a wide path to a knoll. On the knoll was an arbor. In the arbor sat a forlorn figure. The lord himself. The Lord of Wolf Yamer. He sat not upon a throne as the men expected, but upon an ordinary swivel chair. He rose as Lem the Wanderer introduced his men. The lord spoke: "Men, I am glad to see you here. I am the ruler of one of the most fertile valleys in the land. You will find that it stretches for hundreds of miles in all directions. The valley is surrounded with miles upon miles of high fence. In the fence are forty-eight gates, spaced far apart, numbered one, two, three, in the East, to forty-seven, forty-eight, in the far West. In the North there grows the largest and most delicious apples the world has ever seen. To the South the largest and juiciest oranges. To the East the largest and most luscious peaches. To the West the largest and finest of plums. I want you men to gather and convey this fine fruit, in baskets, from one gate to another. Some men will gather the fruit at gates in the North and bring it to the gates in the South. Others to gather in the East and bring it to the West and vice versa. As you all can see, the baskets are very fine looking, painted in yellow, green and red. You shall pack the fruit in the baskets with care so it will not bruise and as much as you can carry. The valley is interlaced with many paths upon which you shall travel. Some paths lead through fields of flowers, others through virgin forest and then again others wind around beautiful lakes. Upon delivery of the fruit you shall collect some money and don't forget to send the dough to me. Upon recommendation of Lem the Wanderer I must pay you all well. I have no other choice. I shall pay you all in plums. Some of the plums you must share regularly with the man who brought you here. Now go to work and good luck." Thus spake the lord.

The men, fired with new ambition, rose and ran for the basket pile. Soon they could be seen scurrying in all directions, each with his own basket. The work in the valley went on in a lovely and harmonious way. The men delivered their fruit on time at the various gates, collected and sent the lord his dough. It seemed as though the work in the valley went on in a way of ease among the men. Some stopped by the many lakes along the road to fish and swim. Others plucked flowers and caught pretty butterflies. Some stopped under shady trees, especially a guy with a white cap, to take their naps. The lord did not care as long as his fruit was delivered on time. He was happy in his arbor where he sat smiling over a pile of dough. Lem the Wanderer was jubilant over the fact that he had brought his men into happy conditions.

But, alas, things began to go awry. Discontentment was creeping in among the men, they became divided. Many kicked their baskets around and got careless, some putting the blame on the lord and others on Lem the Wanderer. Some left their baskets and took off with the lord's dough through Southgate. Others grunted because they lived at gate thirty-six which they had not seen for several months. Some lingered in the vineyard too long filling up on sour grapes and woke up, by the road-side, with a headache and griped. Others said the lord was making too much dough, which, perhaps, was true. Then again others wanted to know what became of the plums they gave Lem regularly.

That was the scene outside the lord's arbor one murky afternoon, when the men were gathered to lodge their supposed grief. While much comment of different nature, for or against, was under discussion among the men, the lord himself sat quietly in his arbor with his face in his hands crying, tears trickling through his fingers down at his feet where it formed small rivulets. Lem the Wanderer was leaning up against a tree nearby, the lines in his face telling a story of disappointment. As the men argued to and fro there came a sudden lull in the surroundings; the bushes in front of them parted and out stepped a very shaggy bear, lo and behold, Raggedy Bags. He advanced very slowly toward the surprised men. He took up a position on a stump of a tree, lifted his strong paws heavenward and spoke: "Hello, pals, I did not come here to bum you for chewing tobacco or five-buck bills. In the bushes over yonder I have overheard your tales of supposed grief and aggravations. I am a good bear, as the guy over there in the white cap can verify. I am really your pal. What surprises me to hear is that you are letting a pal and leader down, like Lem the Wanderer. A pal that really has your welfare in his heart. I am sorry to see you divided in thoughts and agreements, especially now when the woods on the outside of the mile-long fence are full of vicious bears, certainly not in my class. I say again I am a good bear. My heart underneath this shaggy pelt of mine is beating, all for you. Even the guy in the arbor, over on top the knoll, is not a bad guy—as long as you bring and pile the dough in front of his tear-soaked feet. Let me tell you, pals, what I saw on a trip to the tall timbers outside the fence a few nights ago. Down along the Eastern gates I came upon one of the most ugliest and toughest Russian bears I have ever met up with. Although I know him well for his viciousness, he is certainly no pal of mine. His name is Red Joe Ruffle-Bagski. He is tough and mean at all times. He was doing his darndest to claw a hole in the fence to get in and at you. Regardless of the fact that I am a tough and true American bear, full of fight, I decided to circle around him, which I did. I wanted to be on the inside of the fence to fight him off in case he broke through. As I was making-it for the main gate, I spotted, to my great surprise, two other bears, a couple bear pals sitting on a large

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tire frame was destroyed, including the furnishings, fruit and vegetables stored for the winter and all clothing except what the family was wearing; also an undisclosed amount of money the family was saving. Unfortunately no insurance was carried.

Melvin works for the Lafayette Ice and Coal Co. He has had an ice route for six years and is one of the dependable employees. His family consists of Mrs. Cline and six children and they lived four miles out of Lafayette.

The neighbors gave shelter to the family and along with many friends of the family, under the direction of Mr. Reece, a nearby grocery man at Elston, gathered up lumber and building supplies for the erection of a new home for the family.

Sunday, September 21, a group of 25 or 30 workmen started the home, and would have completed it, had they not been stopped by the rain.

Teamsters Local 543 of Lafayette was instrumental in reclothing the family and refurbishing the new home. This was accomplished through solicitation by the wives of various Teamsters under the supervision of Mr. Helton.

Many families of the Teamsters contributed valuable items of clothing and household furnishings. The members of the Loyal Berens Class of the Christian Church here were also very generous in their contributions.

Mr. Ramsey, employer of Brother Cline and manager of the Lafayette Ice and Coal Co., cooperated to the fullest extent, supplying the trucks for collection and delivery of the furnishings and clothing.

The other employees of the firm who work with Brother Cline donated their services to assist in the erection and furnishing of the home.

The Cline family are unable to express their gratitude for the assistance rendered them.

Mrs. Toth at French Lick

TERRE HAUTE—One of the first delegates to leave Terre Haute when the convention adjourned was Stephen Toth, East Chicago Teamster leader and president of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, who drove down to French Lick, where Mrs. Toth was attending the State Democratic editorial meeting.

moss-covered rock. I knew them both fairly well. Neither one of them is very tough but they are cunning as the dickens and always work and scheme together. They are known in the tall timbers, throughout the land, as Tuffy-Wet-Snout and Hartley Snaggle Snatch. They work with shrewdness and precaution, waiting for the chance to claw down your leader. Then all of you would be helpless and divided. As a pal I came here to warn you of the dangers lurking outside the fence. This is no time to argue about petty grievances or minor aggravations. It is time for all of you to band together, to work hand in hand with your leader and also with the guy in the arbor who throws the plums in your lap. Let's adopt a slogan that stands for unity and brotherly love—all for one and one for all! And now, my pals, who's got a tobacco chew in his sock?" Thus spake the bear.

The men, enthused over Raggedy-Bags' speech, cheered him and dozens of tobacco plugs came forward. Lem the Wanderer changed his face into a smile. The lord in the arbor mopped his tear-wet face with a towel. The men, again happy with new ardor and hope, scurried in all directions to peddle their fruit as the sun cast its soft, shimmering rays over the beautiful valley.

Sometimes it takes a bear to help us through the tall timbers on to the right path.

The end.

ROSEMARY

Up to Date with 188

The smiling face of Swede Waechter will be missing from this column as of next issue and members of Local 183 will see him no more unless they care to call at his new eating place, West Washington St., Indianapolis.

Yes, Swede's gone and done it, resigned as business representative and opened business for himself. N the only feudin', fightin' and fussin' he does is to merry tune by that name on his juke box. Let's give him a big hand.



It's a baby boy at the Keith Bayne's, of Continental Bread.

W. E. Hampton of Omar is also a new daddy.

We are sorry to report the death of Brother Carl Blacketer, Capital Dairies. Mr. Blacketer, who lived at 40 North Ridgeview I Indianapolis, succumbed to a heart attack.

Tommy Brown of General Baking Co. is in a cast but recover from a wreck in which he suffered seven broken ribs, fracture of pelvic bones, injuries to his back and concussion. He lives at 200 E Tenth St., Indianapolis.

The General Baking bowling league is really going to town at Parkway alleys, 3368 North Illinois St., every Tuesday evening. men to see about this are Al Hudson and Fred Roberts, stewards.

And don't forget that our big bossman Everett Davis is running city councilman of Indianapolis in the November elections. He is on independent ticket with a program calling for (1) City Price Control Law; (2) City Rental Control and low cost housing; (3) Increased wages and the merit system for city employees; (4) Improved Transportation System and Lower Fares; (5) F. E. P. C.; (6) Improved Collection and Disposal of Garbage.

PULL THE THIRD LEVER FIRST, TO VOTE FOR EVERETT DAVIS AND OTHER INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Building Trades Confront Lockout by NLRB Ruling

SAN FRANCISCO—Thorny and complex problems developing of the Taft-Hartley law faced the annual convention of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department as its sessions opened here with President Richard J. Gray presiding.

Announcement by the National Labor Relations Board that it tends to exercise jurisdiction over most building trades cases will clamp the grip of government regulation for the first time over these unions representing more than 1,500,000 workers. Even during the war, building trades cases were not handled by the National War Labor Board, as other labor disputes were, but by a special Board of Review on which the building trades unions had representation.

The major problem confronting the convention was the Denham ruling, issued by the NLRB's chief counsel, which prevents any union from bringing complaints or election petitions before the board until all AFL officers sign non-Communist affidavits. The AFL Executive Council has announced that it could not conform to this ruling. The building trades, as well as all other affiliated unions, have been locked out by the NLRB, unless the Denham regulation is overruled by the board itself.

Without recourse to the NLRB, many of the collective bargaining gains and contractual standards won by the building trades unions over the last three-quarters of a century are threatened with being wiped out.

Traditionally, for instance, the building trades have operated under strict closed shop conditions, but the Taft-Hartley law outlawed the closed shop. To protect union security, many of the building trades organizations planned to ask for employee elections authorizing the type of union shop permitted under the new law, but the NLRB lockout now prevents them from obtaining such elections.

The convention will also examine general housing and construction problems and recommend legislation to Congress for a vastly expanded housing program to meet the nation's needs.

Area Negotiation Start in Chicago

At its regular monthly meeting, September 18, the Indiana State Drivers' Council authorized its 11-State Area Committee to conduct negotiations with all over-the-road drivers belonging to Indiana locals.

Committee members are Walter E. Biggs, South Bend; E. Williams, Indianapolis; I. Hess, Fort Wayne, and O. Chambers, Kokomo.

Negotiations will be held with operators of the 11 States in Chicago October 6 and 7.

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Tobin Asks for More Brains in Labor Movement

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must send a copy of our financial statement to the Secretary of Labor. That's no trouble. We send it to the members every three months.

"But after doing all of this, I'm told by Denham that I can't get the Teamsters on the ballot in a NLRB election because the AFL Executive Council didn't sign the affidavits."

Tobin pointed out that the CIO could win NLRB elections by default "even if they have only four out of 250 members in a plant."

Mr. Tobin then launched into a detailed account of the vicious provisions of the slave law hitting particularly the section against the closed shop. He continued:

"We have a reactionary government. It comes every 20 years. This time it is four years ahead of schedule. It should have waited four years for the slump to come."

He warned that the game of the anti-labor forces now is to throttle unions financially through costly legal proceedings.

"It doesn't look good to me," he added. "They may get away with it."

Recalling a number of famous fights in the early days of the labor movement, Tobin said at that time the AFL had only two million men "but they were fighters—they were real union men."

He said that the Federation and Central Labor Unions today need real fighting blood—men that aren't controlled by "10-cent political jobs."

Tobin opined that the slave law may awake the people to the true facts of what organized labor has done for them and added:

"While we'll have suffering, we eventually will win and when we do we will have solidified the labor movement."

He assailed mongers of religious and race hatreds in the labor movement as "traitors to the government."

STRAIGHT TRUCK



Richard Strouse of Ellis Trucking Co. won first place in the Straight Truck class at state Rodeo.



1,000 Delegates to State Federation convention cheered when Carl Mullen, President, (right foreground) introduced Daniel J. Tobin as "one of our distinguished national leaders." Among Teamster members of President Tobin's escort committee were (left to right) E. J. Williams, Steven Toth, Pat Hess, Walter E. Biggs and O. B. Chambers.

Tobin told the delegates that though feeding Europe will keep high the cost of living, America must feed them to keep them from going into Communism. He told of his own love for America and said that he did not want his children and grandchildren to ever come under the control of Communism.

Tobin interspersed his talk with numerous stories about the labor movement during the last 45 years. These stories and his chatty, informal manner on the rostrum scored a smashing hit with the delegates. The veteran head of the Teamsters, who has never been opposed for office, was never in better form. Coming to Terre Haute from a meeting of the AFL Executive Council in Chicago, he looked fine physically and appeared to enjoy his meeting with Hoosier workers.

He was introduced by President Carl H. Mullen as "one of our distinguished national leaders."

Tobin recalled the early days of the Federation when he was an annual speaker at conventions.

"Through the determination of the people who represent you, the Federation has made great progress," he said. "You and we, need that leadership now more than ever before in the history of the labor movement."

Tobin asserted that it was "a pity, crime and a shame" that there are now two organizations of labor. He said there must be a top to everything, including unions, and pointed out that a local union is rare, indeed, if it doesn't have a couple of dissatisfied members.

"But they should not be allowed to split up the union," he said. "Unions are human institutions and make mistakes. But aren't we entitled to our percentage of mistakes? I deny that we have made any serious mistakes."

He described how the Teamsters in Terre Haute and other communities have quadrupled their wages and improved their working conditions "during my time" and said the same was true of the entire trade union movement.

Asserting that the labor

movement, now as never before, needs unity, he declared that the American Federation of Labor was not responsible for the division in labor's ranks.

He charged that enactment of the Taft-Hartley act was the direct result of the split in the labor movement and that those responsible for the split are insisting that it continue to exist. He said:

"We offered to take over the CIO as is—to jettison our own constitution—and still they wouldn't come in. When I offer to admit Harry Bridges, a clever Communist leader, and Mike Quill of New York, who ravished the street car men's union, that was a sacrifice. If we had the CIO's membership, there would be more than 14 million men and their families under one banner and there wouldn't have been a Taft-Hartley Law."

The white-haired Teamster chief predicted that it will take years to get labor out of the present mess which the government, which is supposed to represent all of the people, has placed us.

He closed by advising the delegates:

"Go back home and organize and keep your membership informed of what's going on. You have to be on the job 24 hours a day. Live within the law until we get it repealed. We will emerge stronger and more glorious than we ever have been. We are fighting for justice and justice always wins."

Evansville Packs State Convention

EVANSVILLE—This city is proud of the record-breaking number of AFL delegates it sent to the State Federation convention in Terre Haute. The delegation, led by John G. Soucie, CLU president, and Lloyd Rhoads, representing the CLU, included:

Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local No. 215: M. J. Angel, D. W. Annis, Carl Mounce, Otto Burdorf, George Bennett and Earl King.

Taxicab Drivers No. 11: Henry Mullins, president; Roy Carrier, William Marshall, Clyde Devasier and Carl Lawson.

Teamsters on Committees of Convention

Indiana Teamster leaders had an important part in making the 62nd annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor at Terre Haute the greatest in the history of that organization, by serving on practically all the committees, appointed by President Carl H. Mullen.

These committees reported 75 resolutions, of which 63 passed, among them 12 dealing with the Taft-Hartley-NAM law and three with the Indiana compulsory arbitration legislation.

The committees interspersed their deliberations between the more important addresses of the four days, September 16 to 19, including those of International President Tobin, Congressman Ray Madden, Senator William N. Langer of North Dakota; Joseph F. Landis, of the American Federation of Teachers; Lieut. Gov. Richard T. James; and Hugh Gormley, of the AFL.

Teamster members of committees included:

Senator Langer's escort committee—Gale Murrin, Local 144, Terre Haute.

Lieut. Governor's escort committee—Frank Potesak, Local 520, East Chicago; Mike Sawochka, Local 142, Gary.

Committee on rules—Charles Miller, Local 417, Vincennes.

Committee on resolutions—Local 215, Evansville.

Committee on officers' report—D. E. Mahoney, Local 369, Muncie; Emmett J. Williams, Local 135, Indianapolis; Lloyd Rhoads, Local 11, Evansville.

Committee on law—E. C. Wilkes, Local 298, Michigan City.

Committee on legislation—O. B. Chambers, Local 759, Kokomo; Walter E. Biggs, Local 364, South Bend.

Committee on education—Harry D. Cole, Local 362, Hammond.

Committee on organization—Michael J. Angel, Local 215, Evansville; Stephen Toth, Local 520, East Chicago.

Committee on appeals and grievances—Pat Hess, Local 414, Fort Wayne.

Committee on union labels—Henry Willing, Local 362, Hammond.

Delegates voted to hold the 1948 convention in Evansville.

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tional Association of Manufacturers. But we came up and thrived through all of that until now—we are under the toughest fire that ever surrounded us."

Speaking of membership, President Tobin said: "I got a per capita tax last month from nearly one million members." This would indicate a growth during the last year of probably 150,000 members the country over, including important gains made by many locals in Indiana.

President Tobin expressed opinion that the labor movement offers one of the greatest futures a young person could find in any profession today, including either law or medicine, and urged, "if you have children, send them to college."

Stephen Toth, council president and toastmaster at the banquet, thanked the committee on arrangements for the banquet and for providing the meeting room, No. 525 in the Terre Haute House. Committee members were Gale Murrin, Local 144 Terre Haute; Pat Mahoney, Local 369, Muncie; Charles Miller, Local 417, Vincennes, and Clyde B. Birdsong, Local 215, Evansville. In Mr. Birdsong's absence, Mike Angel did most of the business for that local.

President Toth also introduced some of the Teamsters who were in on the beginning of the State Drivers' Council 15 years ago, including Mike Sawochka, Gary; Pat Mahoney, Muncie; Pat Hess, Fort Wayne; Joe Williams of Indianapolis, and Freddie Shutz, now president of the Lake County CLU. Mr. Toth himself was one of the charter members.

Among guests, Carl Mullen and John Acker of the State Federation and Hugh Gormley of the American Federation congratulated the Teamsters on the steady progress they have shown during the last year, and of being the "key to success" in the words of Mr. Gormley, in the labor movement.

SEMI-TRAILER



Winner of Tractor Semi-Trailer class at state Rodeo was Leslie McGurer.

TEN BEST TRUCK DRIVERS IN INDIANA



Here are the ten drivers who made highest scores in the Road Race in Indianapolis, conducted by the IMTA, in connection with its annual convention. The winners are shown with E. J. Williams, head of Teamsters Local 135, which donated part of the money for trophies presented to them. All are good union Teamsters and all belong to Local 135 except Donald Woodward, who hails from Local 144, Terre Haute. (Left to right) Leslie McGurur, Lester Ryder, Bernard Lewis, Albert Turner, William Wright, Walter Draga, Mr. Williams, Richard Strouse, Walter Cline, Donald Woodward and Ivan Lively.

TEAMSTERS SCORE HIGH AT ROADEO

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based upon a possible 400 points.

The ten winners, their scores and awards received were as follows:

Straight Truck

1st—Richard Strouse, Ellis Trucking Co., Indianapolis; score: 353.

Awards: Trophy, courtesy Teamsters Union No. 135; Michigan Mutual Trophy (Must be won three times to be retained); Gruen wrist watch and cigarette lighter, Reo Motors.

2nd—Walter Draga, Trucking, Inc., Indianapolis; score: 327.

Awards: Trophy, Teamsters Union No. 135; cigarette lighter, Reo Motors; Dual air horns, Bus and Truck Supply Co. and Bendix Westinghouse Corp.

3rd—William Wright, Foster Freight Lines, Indianapolis; score: 315.45.

Awards: Trophy, Teamsters Union No. 135; cigarette lighter, Reo Motors.

4th—Ivan Lively, Bridgeways, Inc., Indianapolis; score: 312.40.

Awards: Trophy, Teamsters Union No. 135; cigarette lighter, Reo Motors.

5th—Albert Turner, Commercial Motor Freight, Indianapolis; score: 301.80.

Awards: Trophy, Teamsters Union No. 135; cigarette lighter, Reo Motors.

Tractor Semi-Trailer

1st—Leslie McGurur, Trucking, Inc., Indianapolis; score: 348.25.

Awards: Trophy, courtesy of Johnson Chevrolet Co.; Michigan Mutual Trophy (Must be won three times to be retained); Gruen wrist watch and cigarette lighter, courtesy Reo Motors.

2nd—Walter Cline, Ellis Trucking Co., Indianapolis; score: 327.75.

Awards: Trophy, courtesy of Johnson Chevrolet Co.; dual air horns, courtesy of Bus and Truck Supply Co. and Bendix Westinghouse Corp. Cigarette lighter, courtesy Reo Motors.

3rd—Donald Woodward, Bringwald Transfer Co., Terre Haute; score: 326.50.

Awards: Trophy, courtesy Johnson Chevrolet Co.; cigarette lighter, Reo Motors.

4th—Bernard Lewis, Hays Freight Lines, Indianapolis; score: 306.80.

Awards: Trophy, courtesy Johnson Chevrolet Co.; cigarette lighter, Reo Motors.

5th—Lester Ryder, Foster Freight Lines, Indianapolis; score: 300.20.

Awards: Trophy, courtesy Johnson Chevrolet Co.; cigarette lighter, Reo Motors.

UNION LABEL SHOW

Plan your vacation now for 1948, and see the Union-Industries Show in Milwaukee!

Local 716 Drivers Get Honor Medals

Medals of honor for safe driving have been awarded to a number of union Teamsters belonging to Local 716, Indianapolis, by the Ready Mixed Concrete Corp., 1100 Burdall Pkwy.

Each award carried a bonus check for \$15, signed by C. Gray, company president, according to Edward T. Carlson, union business representative.

Those awarded were: William Dewey, shop steward; James Barnett, Leonard Gruber, Marion Clearwater, Ray Morales, Marvin Witham, Bert Harney and Walter Byers.

Electric Co. Agreement

Local 716 has just signed a new agreement with the WHS Electric Co., Indianapolis, providing 22½ cents an hour increase for warehousemen and drivers, plus two weeks' vacation after one year. The contract is to run until May 1, next.

Concrete Co. Negotiations

Officers of Local 716 are starting negotiations for a new contract with the Ready Mixed Concrete Corp. and Heston Concrete Co. covering drivers and mechanics, as of November 1.

Group Insurance

Membership of Local 716 at a general meeting September 26 voted to adopt a group insurance plan for all members.

Accordingly, Edward Carlson, president, and Glendon L. Anderson, secretary-treasurer, are studying terms offered by various companies to ascertain the best possible coverage for the entire membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Spencer have received a blessed event. He is a driver for the Brannum-Keene Lumber Co. of Indianapolis.

Local 716 has completed contracts with the Sanborn and Hatfield Electric Cos., giving drivers and warehousemen 22½ cents per hour wage increase, plus two weeks' vacation after one year. Wages are retroactive to September 8, 1947.

Cecil Hunt of the Sanborn Co., and Floyd Waldrup of Hatfield, assisted President Edward T. Carlson and Harry Hudson in the negotiations.

Peerless and Farrell-Argast Electric Supply Cos., have signed agreements with Local 716, giving drivers and warehousemen 15 cents per hour wage increase, plus two weeks' vacation after one year.

NLRB EXTENDS TIME TO FILE T-H AFFIDAVITS

WASHINGTON—The National Labor Relations Board and Robert N. Denham, its general counsel, have allowed AFL and CIO top officers until Oct. 31 to sign affidavits disavowing communism.

The effect of the action is that the board will not dismiss AFL and CIO cases before that date.

Approximately 5,000 cases are pending before the board.

Originally Sept. 23 was set as a deadline when the board would begin dismissing cases if non-communist affidavits had not been signed by that time.

During the intervening time, both the AFL and CIO will hold national conventions, which may reach policy decisions on whether their officers should sign the affidavits.

The AFL top officers announced last week they were "unable to conform" with Denham's ruling that the top officers had to sign affidavits in order to make the 105-AFL unions and 43,000 locals eligible to use NLRB machinery.

John L. Lewis, head of the miners and 11th vice-president of the AFL, singlehandedly blocked the AFL executive council from complying. The other members of the 15-man council were willing to sign.

Group Insurance Agent at Conclave

Representing the Union Labor Life Insurance Co., Russell J. Reese, field representative, told the State Federation convention that his company now offers complete insurance service for groups or individual policies, juvenile endowments to old age annuities, including accident and hospitalization services.

He pointed out that his is the only insurance company whose assets are used in behalf of labor instead of against labor, and invited all those interested to communicate with him at 1441 West 81st Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

The company is headed by Matthew Woll, president, and Fred Tobin, as described in detail in an earlier edition of this publication.

Death of Henry Wilcox

Members of Teamsters Local 233, Indianapolis, were grieved to learn of the recent death of a fellow member, Henry Wilcox, who had been employed at the Indiana Terminal and Refrigerating Co.

Wages are retroactive to September 8, 1947.

Howard Woodfill of Farrell-Argast, and Bro. Wheton of the Peerless Co., assisted President Edward T. Carlson and Harry Hudson in the negotiations.

Mayflower Drivers Get Safety Awards

Awards for safe driving were presented to nine Aero Mayflower Transit Co. drivers recently by the Mayflower Co. in conjunction with the American Trucking Association.

Drivers honored for three years' service without accidents were: Charles W. Cowger, Virgil W. Schopmeyer, Charles E. Stringfellow and Thomas Williams.

Two years of no-accident records won awards for Carl A. Ahrendt, Carl J. Warren and Elmer J. Wininger. One-year awards went to Chestly C. Coryell and Robert E. Thacker.

Awards were presented by Earl Porter, safety director for Aero Mayflower.

FORT WAYNE LOCAL GETS GOOD RAISE

New contracts just signed by Pat Hess of Teamsters Local 414, Fort Wayne, give increases of 12 cents an hour to the freight drivers employed by Perfection Biscuit Co. and substantial increases to the bread and cake drivers who work on guaranteed salary and commission.

Bursley Wholesale Grocery Co. has signed with the local, giving 10 cents an hour increase across the board, over a previous agreement.

About 235 drivers and helpers are involved in negotiations just opened with the Coal Dealers Association for a new 1948 contract.

Negotiations also are under way between Local 414 and the Kenosha Driveaway Co.

STEVEN TOTH

News Aplenty at 520

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Lester Haughton, who passed away last week. May he rest in Peace.



All our major contractors have been negotiated and contracts are being printed. Our average increase has been about 16 cents per hour. In this group are the following contracts: Oil, McKeown, Commodity Haulers, Construction, Local Tar Distributors, County Drivers, City Freight, Industrial Cartage and Fuel Oil. We have about 400 men involved and about 50 companies.

We still have a couple of small contracts to sign.

Heavy Refining Construction is going great guns. We have 14 large contractors lined-up 100 per cent at Standard, Sinclair and Cities Service.

We have work at Youngstown and Inland Steel and also at DuPont... all 100 per cent for Teamsters.

Marion Zellers is a proud papa again... No cigars yet.

Walter Bales of Calumet Trucking is on the sick and lame list.

I have received some very flattering letters on the behavior of our delegates at Terre Haute. Three of our boys... former Boy Scouts, never forgot the training they received as boys. I think it was very nice of them to escort the three old ladies across street corners and protect them from harm.

The boys taught me how to play poker. They play differently down there. They do not give you your money back after the game is over.

I hope everyone had a good time... I did.

I wish to thank all Teamster Delegates for being so nice to me. Thanks a million. You are a swell bunch!

Law of the Land

Taft, he blew the whistle;
Hartley rang the bell;
Halleck gave the signal,
And the country went to hell!